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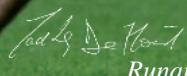
FBD Stáid Semple,
Dúrlas Éile

Sunday,
30th October 2022

FBD Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Championship Final

 **LORRHA-DORRHA** v **MONEYGALL** 

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It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of Tipperary GAA, to welcome you all back to FBD Semple Stadium for the replay of our Senior Final and the Intermediate County Final.

After all the excitement and drama of last Sunday's final we are back for the second instalment of Kiladangan and Kilruane MacDonags. The scribes and pundits have been busy since last Sunday trying to analyse the game and predict who has the advantage in today's game. I, along with all the neutrals, hope we have a game as entertaining and exciting as last week. Both sides will have examined the drawn game and sought to improve on aspects of their game that they were unhappy with last week. The team that displays the most improvement will take home the Dan Breen Cup this evening.

The Intermediate Final is also between two North teams. They contested the North semi-final earlier in the year but both teams will have improved since then. Lorrha-Dorrha are hoping to bounce back from relegation last year and go straight back to Premier Intermediate. They have been very impressive in the championship to date and they will hope that this form continues for today's final. Moneygall, since that loss to Lorrha-Dorrha in the North championship, have won all their games in the County Championship. They have been one of the top teams in the Intermediate grade for the last number of years and will have gained great confidence from their displays in the County Championship. Both teams will be very familiar with each other; and neutrals will hope for an exciting game.

I welcome the players and mentors of all four teams today and wish them all the very best of luck in today's finals.

I want to express my gratitude to our Championship Sponsors FBD and thank them for their continued support for Tipperary GAA. We welcome their representatives to FBD Semple Stadium today.

Best wishes to both referees Conor Doyle and John O'Grady and all their officials in today's finals. Both are very experienced referees and will no doubt add to today's spectacle. We thank them and all our referees and their officials for all their contributions during the year.

Thanks to all on the County CCC for their work in the planning and staging of our games throughout the year. My thanks also to Padraig Greene and to the Stadium staff who worked hard during the week to prepare the field for today's final.

Ger Corbett has produced an excellent programme again for today's final and I thank him for all his work throughout the year in this regard.

On behalf of Tipperary GAA, I thank all our supporters that have attended our games throughout the year and hope they enjoy today's game.

SEOSAMH Ó CINNÉIDE

Cathaoirleach, Coiste Chontae Thíobraid Árann

FRONT COVER – Kilruane MacDonagh's James Cleary attempts to block the handpass of Kiladangan's Joe Gallagher during the FBD Insurance County Senior Hurling Final on Sunday last.

[Photo: Eamonn McGee]

Buiochas

I would like to thank everyone associated with this production – Tom Maher (Assistant County Secretary), Jonathan Cullen (Tipperary PRO) and Tim Floyd (County Secretary) for their assistance throughout the year. Thanks to our contributors Noel Dundon, Seamus O'Doherty, Liam Hogan, Liam Ó Donnchú, Seamus J. King and Charlie Evans. Finally thanks to our photographers Bridget Delaney, Eamonn McGee, Odhran Ducie and Rose Mannion. Míle buiochas everyone.

GER CORBETT (Programme Editor)



~ ~ Clár an Lae ~ ~

12.43pm	Lorrha-Dorrha amach ar an Páirc
12.45pm	Moneygall amach ar an Páirc
1.00pm	Tús an cluiche FBD Insurance Intermediate Hurling Championship Final LORRHA-DORRHA v MONEYGALL
1.32pm	Leath-am
1.42pm	Tús an dara leath
2.15pm	Crioch an chluiche
2.25pm	Presentation of the Michael Maher Cup to the winning captain by Séamas Ó Muineog, Leas Cathaoirleach an Chontae, followed by the presentation of the "Man of the Match" award (sponsored by John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir) Kilruane MacDonaghs amach ar an Páirc
2.37pm	Kildangan amach ar an Páirc
2.39pm	Pre-match Parade led by the Sean Treacy Pipe Band
2.55pm	Amhrán na bhFiann
2.58pm	Tús an cluiche
3.00pm	FBD Insurance Senior Hurling Championship Final Replay KILADANGAN v KILRUANE MacDONAGHS
3.33pm	Leath-am
3.43pm	Tús an dara leath
4.15pm	Crioch an chluiche
4.25pm	Presentation of the Dan Breen Cup to the winning captain by Seosamh Ó Cinnéide, Cathaoirleach an Chontae, followed by the presentation of the "Man of the Match" award (sponsored by John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the Intermediate Final ends in a draw, the game will go to a replay. • If the Senior Final ends in a draw, two periods of 10 minutes extra time will be played. The extra time will commence at 4.40pm. • If it is a draw after extra time the game will be decided on penalties.

MEET THE MATCH OFFICIALS

SENIOR REPLAY

CONOR DOYLE

(Silvermines)

Standby Ref:

John Dooley

Linesman:

Michael Kennedy

4th Official:

Mark Dunne

Umpires:

Liam Keogh,

Ciaran Timmons,

Adrian O'Keeffe,

Willie Keogh



INTERMEDIATE

JOHN O'GRADY

(Rosegreen)

Standby Ref:

Paddy Ivors

Linesman:

Martin Ryan

4th Official:

Joe Leahy

Umpires:

Ken Whelan,

Martin Browne,

Padraig Skeffington

John Ryan



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Best of luck to **Lorrha Dorra & Moneygall** in the Intermediate Final and to **Kilruane MacDonaghs & Kiladangan** who meet again, after a thrilling first contest, in the Senior Hurling Final Replay.

Michael Berkery

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By:
NOEL DUNDON
(Tipperary Star)



YOU JUST knew that he was going to do it.

There was just never a doubt.

And, when Willie Cleary stood over that 35th minute second half free under the shadow of Árdán

Uí Riain with daylight fading and a touch of evening cool invading the seething cauldron that was FBD Semple Stadium a week ago, a quick glance along with the line of press men revealed them all to be writing down the score already. That's how sure they were that Cleary's final puck of the sliothar on county final day would be as true as the previous nine he struck, without fail, from dead balls.

It was drama of the highest order and bar the Kildangan supporters in the attendance, everyone wanted Cleary to land the score, force a replay and look forward to them doing it all over again.

The final quarter of an hour saved a moderate final – the pulsating climax which yielded 1-8 apiece had supporters on the edge of their seats and the tension in the stands ramped up significantly. It had been tense, physical and close all the way through, but with the winning line in sight, the intensity was amplified, the decibel levels rose, and the sense of drama was Broadway like.

I met a Nenagh man

last week and when I asked him who he wanted to see winning the county final, his reply was "neither of them" followed by a big laugh – parochial rivalry is alive and well in the GAA. Well, he got his way last weekend but today we will have a winner come hell or high water. We could have extra time, we could have penalties, we could have sudden death – it's all on the table now. Perhaps.

But, what we will definitely have is another battle of wits, a clash of intrigue and suspense, and a game which will hopefully have more of the last quarter of the drawn game, and less of the proceedings up to that.

Draws and replays are not unusual in the county final and while neutral supporters can be left a little bewildered by it all, those involved the season is prolonged, the suspense extended and the anticipation heightened. This week in the parishes of Kiladangan and Cloughjordan, momentum has been building up towards today again. The schools have been full of it, the GAA grounds in Puckane and Clough have had the floodlights on, the sandwiches on the table



Barry Hoganpucks out the sliotar for Kiladangan during the FBD Insurance County Senior Hurling Final.

[Photo: Eamonn McGee]

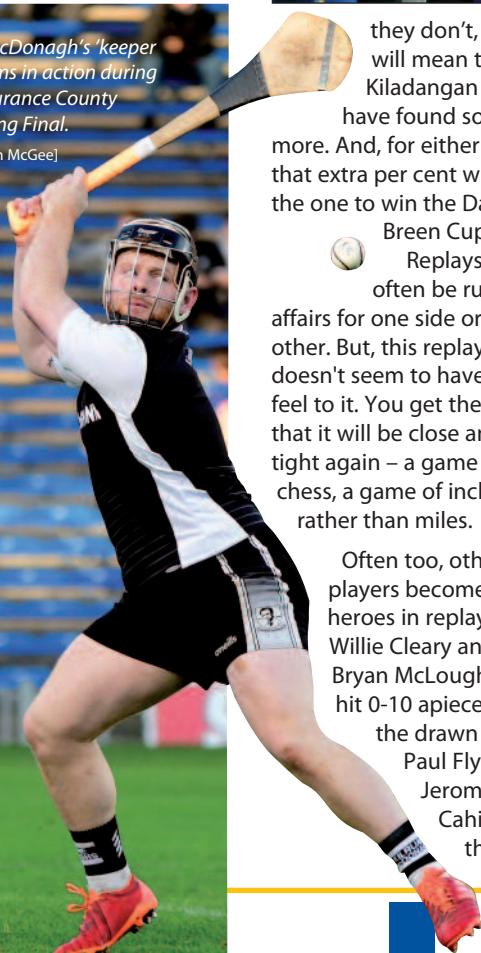
Question will win the day

and the ice baths and masseurs working double time to get the lads ready for the battle.

And, here they are. All fresh and ready to go ag the title of favourite but Kilruane MacDonagh's performance in the drawn final has narrowed the odds considerably. If they can produce the same again, they will take stopping. If

Kilruane MacDonagh's 'keeper Páidí Williams in action during the FBD Insurance County Senior Hurling Final.

[Photo: Eamonn McGee]



ABOVE – County Board Chairman Joe Kennedy departs Semple Stadium on Sunday last holding the Dan Breen Cup and will have it back for today's replay.

[Photo: Bridget Delaney]

they don't, it will mean that Kiladangan will have found some more. And, for either side, that extra per cent will be the one to win the Dan Breen Cup.

Replays can often be runaway affairs for one side or the other. But, this replay doesn't seem to have that feel to it. You get the sense that it will be close and tight again – a game of chess, a game of inches rather than miles.

Often too, other players become the heroes in replays. Willie Cleary and Bryan McLoughney hit 0-10 apiece in the drawn game, Paul Flynn and Jerome Cahill were the

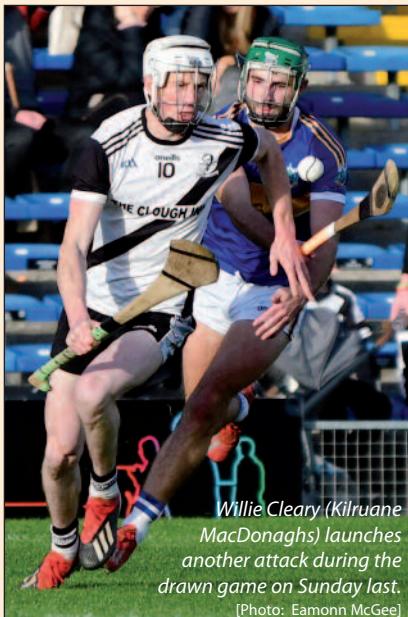
marquee forwards for their respective sides, while James Quigley and Niall O'Meara had very sound defensive outings. But, today is a chance for others to step up – the experience of the last day will help in terms of confidence and on this day of days, anyone could be the match winner.

Have the Kilruane MacDonagh lads missed the boat? Have the Kiladangan lads the wherewithal to reach their potential? Who will win the Dan Breen Cup for 2022?

All will be revealed this afternoon – let's hope the ESB bill is paid, because we could need the floodlights. Enjoy the game.

Draws and replays

IN THE long history of the Tipperary Senior Hurling championship there have been victories after extra time, replays of games which finished level, along with a refixture for a game that did not. In 1895, the county final ended level for the first time, but **Tubberadura** beat **Suir View**, after extra time.



Willie Cleary (Kilruane MacDonaghs) launches another attack during the drawn game on Sunday last.
[Photo: Eamonn McGee]

Two years later in 1897, **Suir View** and **Horse & Jockey** drew, but there was no replay and the game was awarded to **Suir View**. In 1899, **Horse & Jockey** beat **Two-Mile-Borris** but a refixture was ordered following an objection. The original outcome was confirmed with a victory for **H&J**.

The next draw was in 1930, and **Toomevara** beat **Boherlahan** in a replay. After that there were replay wins for **Thurles Sarsfields** v **Roscrea** 1945, **Thurles Sarsfields** v **Carrick Davins** 1965, **Moneygall** v **Kilruane MacDonaghs** 1975, **Kilruane MacDonaghs** v **Borris-Ileigh** 1977, **Moycarkey-Borris** v **Roscrea** 1982, **Loughmore-Castleiney** v **Borris-Ileigh** 1988, **Toomevara** v **Thurles Sarsfields** 1992, and **Mullinahone** v **Thurles Sarsfields** 2002.

Last week's equaliser by **Willie Cleary** ensured that for the third consecutive year the county final ended level, at the end of normal time. The extra time in 2020 saw **Kiladangan** win a first county title with that late goal – 1-28 to 3-20. At

the end of normal time Kiladangan had scored 0-23 to Loughmore-Castleiney's 3-14.

Last year, **Loughmore-Castleiney** scored 0-23 to 2-17 for **Thurles Sarsfields**, and won the replay by 2-14 to 2-13. Last Sunday, Kiladangan scored 1-21 and Kilruane MacDonaghs replied with 2-18.

NO SURPRISE

WHILE the general feeling prior to the drawn game was that Kiladangan's experience of final day might help them to victory, we were slow to dismiss Kilruane MacDonaghs, not least because of the obvious mental and physical resilience displayed in reaching the decider, but also because of their heritage. When players grow up hearing about their club winning county titles and being crowned All-Ireland champions at Croke Park, there is always a sense of confidence and belief individually and collectively.

This was Kilruane MacDonaghs' third drawn county final and all were against North Division opponents. They lost to Moneygall in 1975 (but won the county football title) and then beat Borris-Ileigh, to claim a first title, in 1977. They beat Roscrea by a point in 1978 and lost to the same opponents by a similar margin in 1980. There were other days when margins were greater, but history reminds us that Kilruane's tradition of playing in closely contested finals is nothing

Presidential visit

THE drawn decider was greatly enhanced by the presence of GAA President, Larry McCarthy, who was delighted to attend his first Tipperary Senior final since being elected to that office. It was an opportune visit because on Referee Respect Day, he exchanged handshakes with both teams and the match officials prior to the throw in.

The President insists that respect for all GAA members is obligatory and that the '*Where We All Belong*' manifesto is not a slogan, but is enshrined in our ethos. The President was welcomed to FBD Semple Stadium by Co. Board Chairman Joe Kennedy, with Munster Council Chairman Ger Ryan also in attendance.



GAA President Larry McCarthy meets Kilruane MacDonaghs captain Jerome Cahill last Sunday in FBD Semple Stadium.
[Photo: Bridget Delaney]

County final Memories

All by:
SEAMUS O'DOHERTY



Consistency

ANYONE who was surprised by Kiladangan's scoring tally of 1-21 in the drawn encounter, has not been following their tallies in recent times. In the past three years the club has consistently reached this figure in the knock-out rounds of the championship. The tally has been achieved four times across quarter-final, semi-final and final days since 2020.

2022 – v Drom-Inch s/f and v Kilruane MacDonaghs, final
2021 – v Upperchurch-Drombane q/f
2020 – v Drom Inch s/f.

Drawn game

A SUMMARY of the drawn game in three sentences – Willie Cleary and Bryan McLoughney scored 0-10 each. Kilruane missed several scoring chances in the first half, but still led at the break by 1-9 to 0-9. Despite two great goals from Jerome Cahill for Kilruane, Kiladangan took the lead in the 52nd minute with a goal by Paul Flynn and MacDonaghs did well to save the day, with a free into the town end goal, in added time.

On this date

THE only previous Dan Breen Cup finals decided on October 30th were in 1949 when Borris-Ileigh beat Kickhams by 4-6 to 2-1 at Thurles Sportsfield and in 1983, when Borris-Ileigh were again successful, beating first time finalists, Loughmore-Castleiney by 0-17 to 1-11 at Leahy Park, Cashel.

FBD INSURANCE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2022

By: LIAM HOGAN



HURLING has come full circle this year in terms of the journeys both Lorrha and Moneygall have taken. It was back in late June when Lorrha took on Moneygall in the North Tipperary Intermediate semi-final at Roscrea and Lorrha won comfortably 5-24 to 2-13.

It wasn't the ideal start for Moneygall who after a successful League campaign wanted to maintain their good form from 2021 when they lost the County semi-final to Kilsheelan. Then again, the club was in the throes of a crises with six of the team from 2021 absent either through semi-retirement, injured or out of the country as Willie Greene and Michael Ryan, Joe Fogarty, Sean Kenneally along with Paddy Fogarty and Mark Fanning on the missing list.

Lorrha on the other hand wanted to rid themselves of the disappointing outcome against Burgess in the 2021 relegation final. That win set them up for a big North final win over Shannon Rovers and from there they

haven't looked back, which with the exception of their win over Borrisokane in the quarter final, they have more or less produced commanding victories throughout the remaining games in the county championship.

Both teams were almost at full strength for their respective group stage games and each side had commanding victories on route to the quarter final stages.

Looking at Lorrha's path to the final they had wins over Carrick Davins (15 points), Golden Kilfeacle (17 points) and Boherlahan (3 points which yielded an incredible 8-60 for while conceding 2-43 giving them a score difference plus 35. Meanwhile Moneygall overcame Ballingarry by two points and secured two more victories against Cappawhite (14 points) and Ballybacon by two clear goals to yield 5-54 for while conceding 1-44 giving them a score difference of plus 22.

The knockout stages were less clearcut. Lorrha drew their neighbours Borrisokane and received the fright of their lives as two periods of extra time was required to see them win by one point. Their semi final win over Drom Inch was much more facile as they registered their biggest score in the championship when defeating Drom Inch by 3-27 to 1-6.

Twelve months of hurt saw Moneygall get over Kilsheelan with a solid display in their quarter final win which overturned the semi-final defeat to the same opposition, twelve months earlier.

Their semi-final win over Skeheenarinky was more difficult with three points separating the teams in the end. There were some worrying moments for Moneygall. They trailed by five points at half time and the margin could have been eight had Skeheenarinky not missed a guilt edge chance of a goal towards the end of the first half. Hitting fourteen wides didn't help Moneygall either.



Moneygall's Mark Fanning gets his strike away despite the presence of Skeheenarinky's Seamus O'Callaghan.
[Photo: Odhran Duce]

IMMEDIATE HURLING FINAL PREVIEW

But they are back in the final where they feel they have a real chance to pull off a surprise win as they will enter the game as underdogs. They have a solid fifteen with a strong backline led by Cathal Kennedy and Adam Hogan in the spine of the defence while Cathal Greene, Liam Carroll and Roddy Teehan have plenty experience to help them in front of an improving Ciaran Quinlan on the goal line.

Jack Kirwan will be a major loss at wing back as he appeared to be in trouble when substituted in the first quarter of the semi-final clash with Skeheenarinky. Elsewhere there is plenty strength in the work rate of Conor Ryan and Paddy Fogarty at midfield while their forward line has plenty going for them also where Bob Kenny, Brendan Toohey, Joe Fogarty, Aodhan Ryan and Sean Kenneally will lead the way. Eoin Whyte, their winning captain in 2021 is a major loss to the side because of injury.

Lorrha have been everybody's favourites since the campaign began mid-summer. They have so many well-known names in their forward line Cian Hogan along with David, Christopher and Colm Fogarty. Eoin McIntyre's return is a welcome boost to the attack which is led by the brilliant Patrick Bonner Maher at full forward.

The Lorrha vice-captain will be hoping for a second County Intermediate medal following his first one in 2007 where he had Kevin Hough and Ciaran Haugh on the same winning team. Kevin Hough is back as number one on the team since replacing Patrick Reddin prior to the start of the North final clash with Shannon Rovers.

Kevin hasn't put a foot wrong since then as he plays behind a very cohesive backline of Tom Duggan and Oisin Guinan in the corners as they flank their dependable Michael Dolan at full back. Dolan is their team captain. A major day for full backs as Cathal



Lorrha-Dorrrha captain Michael Dolan grabs the sliotar ahead of James Woodlock (Drom & Inch).

[Photo: Bridget Delaney]

Kennedy is the captain for Moneygall.

But back to the Lorrha contingent where Denis O'Meara, Brian Hogan and Daniel O'Donoghue are a dependable half backline with Niall McIntyre and Alan O'Meara at midfield.

Going on scoring ability I would have to favour Lorrha as they appear to have more options in the front six. Add in Brian Hogan who has the potential to score from either frees or general play and by three o'clock on Sunday it will Ken Hogan who will be the happier manager with Lorrha winning by five or six.



Lorrha-Dorrha – North Tipperary Intermediate winners. Back row: Graham Houlihan, David Sullivan, Conor Hogan, Brian Hogan, Michael Dolan, Cian Hogan, Ciaran Hough, James Dunne, Patrick Maher, Niall McIntyre, Martin Gorman, Kevin Hough. Front row: Ned Houlihan, Denis O'Meara, Tom Duggan, David Fogarty, Alan O'Meara, Christopher Fogarty, Oisín Guinan, Eoin McIntyre, Colm Fogarty, Kevin Cahalan. [Photo: Odhran DUCIE]



LORRHA-DORRHA PATH TO FINAL

July 23rd	Lorrha-Dorrha.....	3-23
	Carrick Davins.....	1-14
Aug. 20th:	Lorrha-Dorrha.....	3-19
	Golden-Kilfeacle	0-11
Sept. 4th:	Lorrha-Dorrha.....	2-18
	Boherlahan-Dualla.....	1-18
<i>Quarter-Final</i>		
Oct. 8th:	Lorrha-Dorrha.....	1-23
	Borrisokane	0-25
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Oct. 22nd	Lorrha-Dorrha.....	3-27
	Drom & Inch	1-6



Lorrha-Dorrha Management team: Brian Carroll (Selector), Ken Hogan (Manager), Conor Sullivan, Shane Brophy (Selectors). [Photo: Rose Mannion]

Moneygall

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Back row: Michael Ryan, Peter Maher, Anto Devereux, Tom Teehan, Gearóid Larkin, Bob Kenny, Dan O'Meara, Cathal Kennedy, Niall Maher, Brendan Toohey, Jack Kirwan, Roddy Teehan, Willie Greene, Phil Fanning, Ger Ryan, Joe Fogarty, Mike Ryan. Front row: Liam Carroll, Neil Maher, Cathal Greene, Aodhán Ryan, Shane Whyte, Jack Ryan, William Jones, Dylan Maher, Eoin Whyte, Mark Fanning, Ger Kirwan, Adam Hogan, Conor Ryan, Sean Kenneally.

MONEYGALL PATH TO FINAL

July 24th	Moneygall	1-14
	Ballingarry.....	1-12
Aug. 21st:	Moneygall.....	2-24
	Cappawhite.....	0-16
Sept. 3rd:	Moneygall.....	2-16
	Ballybacon/Grange.....	0-16
<i>Quarter-Final</i>		
Oct. 9th:	Moneygall	0-16
	Kilsheelan-Kilcash.....	1-9
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Oct. 22nd	Moneygall	2-14
	Skeheenarinky.....	2-11



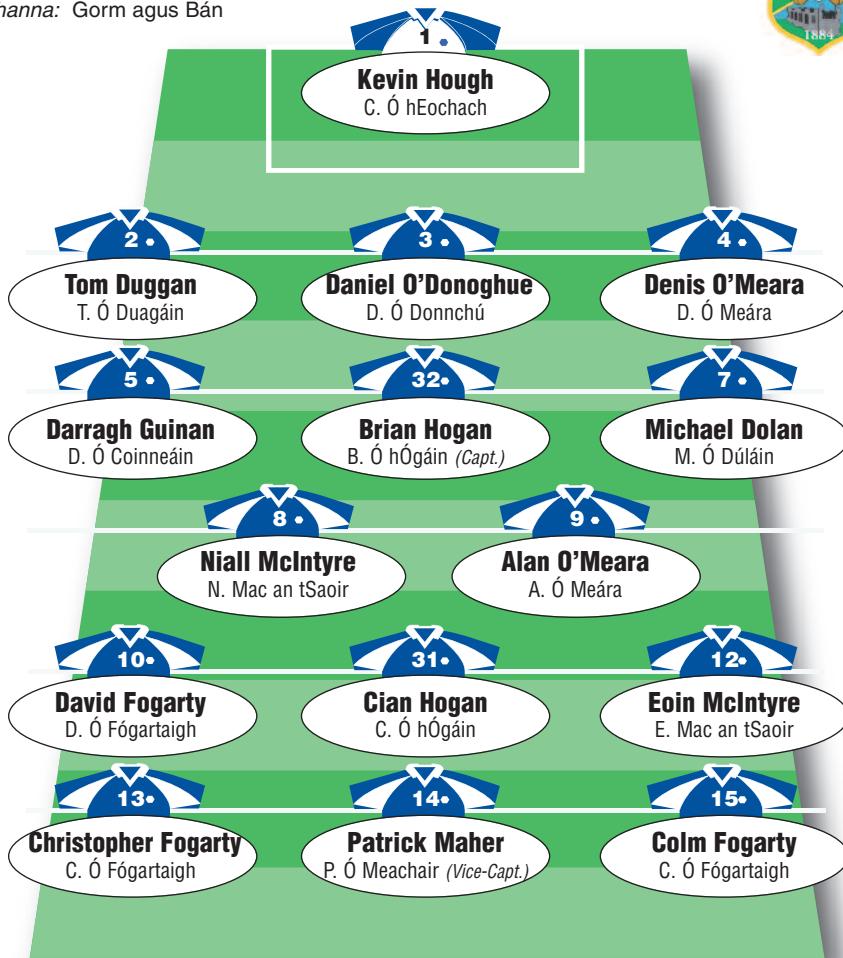
Moneygall's management team: Shane Connolly (Coach), Padhraic Greene (Selector), Paul O'Brien (Manager), Denis Dwyer (Selector) and Tom Toohey (Selector).

[Photo: Odhran Dicue]

Lorrha-Dorrha



Dathanna: Gorm agus Bán



16. PADDY REDDIN P. Ó Róidín	19. GRAHAM HOULIHAN G. Ó hUallacháin	22. RONAN O'MEARA R. Ó Meára	25. NEIL HOULIHAN N. Ó hUallacháin	28. KEVIN CAHALAN C. Ó Cathaláin
17. CONOR HOGAN C. Ó hÓgáin	20. SEAN O'MEARA S. Ó Meára	23. DAVID SULLIVAN D. Ó Súilleabháin	26. DONNOCHA O'MEARA D. Ó Meára	29. CORMAC HOULIHAN C. Ó hUallacháin
18. OISÍN GUINAN O. Ó Coinneáin	21. MARTIN GORMAN M. Ó Gormáin	24. JAMES DUNNE S. Ó Doinn	27. PADRAIG KENNEDY P. Ó Cinnéide	30. CONOR MOYLAN C. Ó Maoileáin

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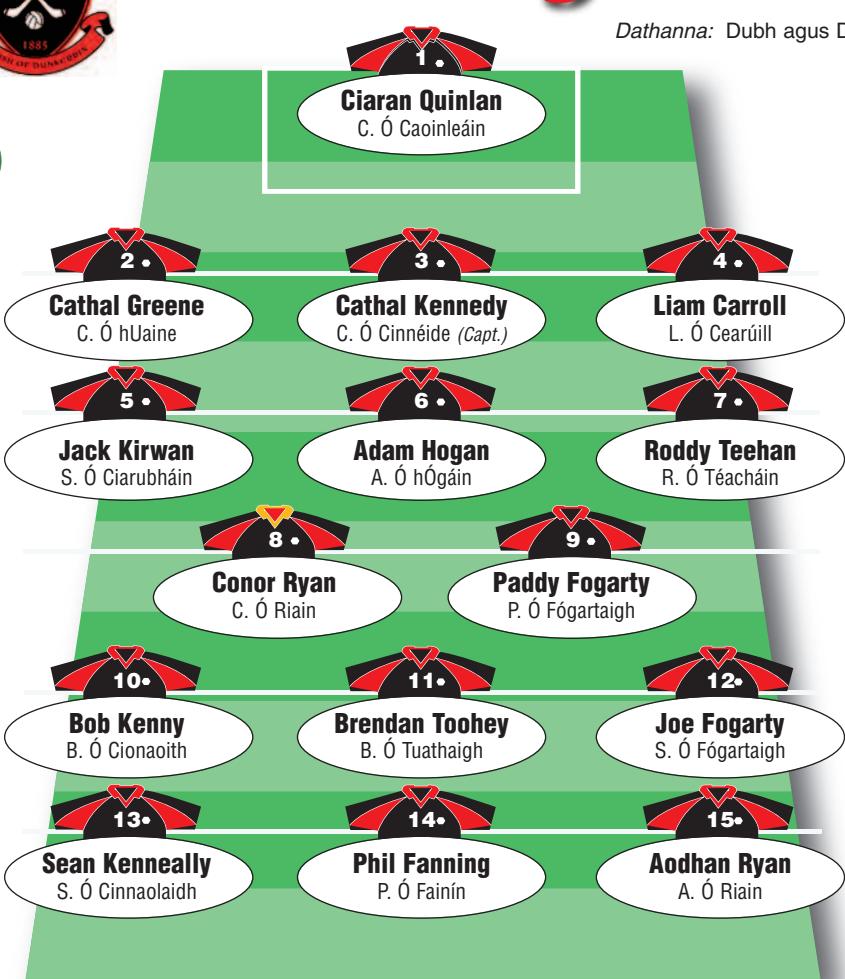
Manager: Ken Hogan *Selectors:* Brian Carroll, Conor O'Sullivan, Shane Brophy
Coach: Brian Carroll *Physio:* Donal Franks *Medic:* Ann Delahunt-Smyth
Kit Men: Davie Dunne, Tommy Houlihan *Hurley Carriers:* Michael Kennedy, Declan O'Meara



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16. KEVIN McCORMACK C. Mac Cormaic	19. GEARÓID LARKIN G. Ó Lorcaí	22. NIALL MAHER N. Ó Meachair	25. DANIEL O'MEARA D. Ó Meára	28. NEIL MAHER N. Ó Meachair
17. GER KIRWAN G. Ó Ciarubháin	20. TOMMY DEVEREUX T. Déabhrús	23. DYLAN MAHER D. Ó Meachair	26. MICHAEL RYAN M. Ó Riain	29. SHANE Whyte S. Ó Bandún
18. WILLIE GREENE L. Ó hUaine	21. MARK FANNING M. Ó Fainín	24. TOM TEEHAN T. Ó Téacháin	27. ANTHONY DEVEREUX A. Déabhrús	30. JAMES CARROLL S. Ó Cearúill
				31. EOHN Whyte E. Ó Bandún

ROGHNOÍRÍ

Manager: Paul O'Brien Selectors: Padhraic Greene, Denis Dwyer, Tom Toohey
 Coach: Shane Connolly Physio: Fiona Fonnolly Kitman: Mike O'Sullivan
 Stats: Mike Maher, Donal Doughan, Michael Dwyer Hurley carriers: Mary Ryan, Mike Ryan

Kiladangan

Dathanna: Gorm agus Ór



16. DARRAGH EGAN D. Mac Aogáin	19. DAN O'MEARA D. Ó Meára	22. MATTHEW CLEARY M. Ó Cleirigh	25. MARTIN MINEHAN M. Ó Mionacháin	28. EOGHAN SHARKEY E. Ó Searcaigh
17. DARAGH BUTLER D. de Builteir	20. CONOR BYRNE C. Ó Broin	23. RÚAIRÍ GLEESON R. Ó Gleasáin	26. DARRAGH FLANNERY D. Ó Flannabhra	29. D.J. MCGRATH D.S. Mac Craith
18. JACK LOUGHNANE S. Ó Lachtnán	21. FERGAL HAYES F. Ó hAodha	24. JONATHAN HORAN S. Ó hÓráin	27. SHANE GLEESON S. Ó Gleasáin	30. CIARAN KELLY C. Ó Ceallaigh

Also on the Kiladangan panel – Conor Culhane, Neil Cahalan, Darragh Ryan, Jack McGrath, Ronan Ducié.

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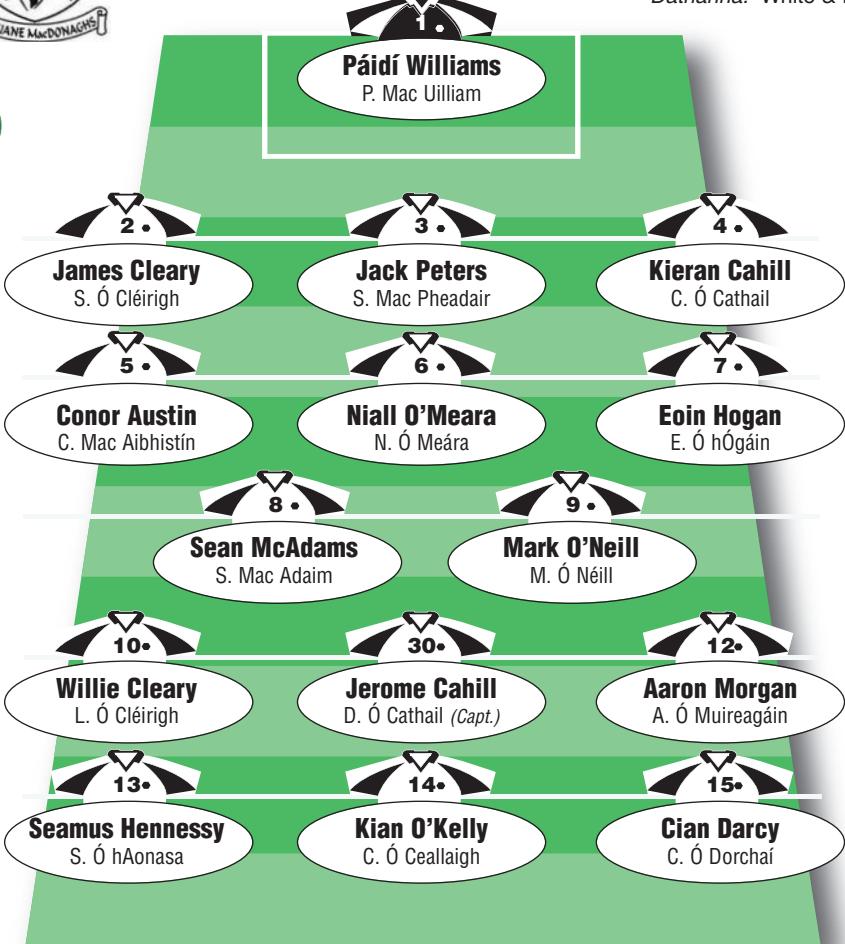
Management: Dan Hackett, Darragh Egan, Sean O'Meara, George Hannigan, Sean Treacy
Physio: Owen Higginbotham *Kit Men:* Mike Carmody, Jim Ryan



Kilruane Mac Donaghs

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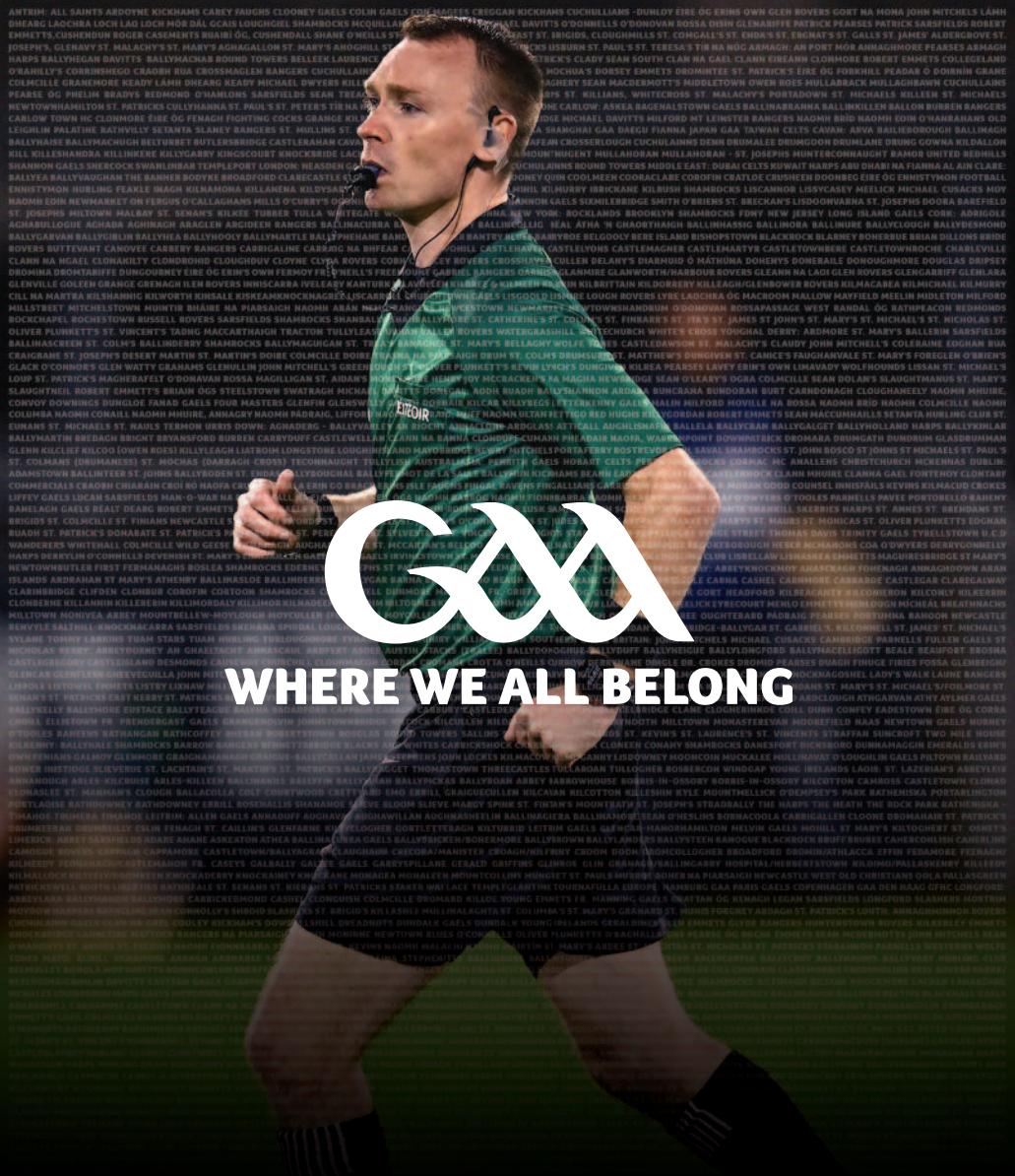
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What the scribes said . . .



The FBD Insurance Tipperary county senior hurling final generated a lot of column inches over the course of the last week. Here's what some of the top GAA scribes in the country wrote:

SHANE BROPHY – Nenagh Guardian

IT MIGHT have been a slow burner of a county senior hurling final, but it ended in a welter of excitement and as the cliché goes, a draw was probably a fair result.

Now, neither side might like to accept that, particularly Kiladangan who had one hand on the Dan Breen Cup as the clock went beyond the allocated three minutes of added time when Kilruane were given one last chance, and as it proved, a second chance when Seamus Hennessy carried the ball into contact and you felt if there was a man to buy a free it would be Kilruane's squad leader, whose importance was shown in how he was used in the final as his knees don't allow him to play for sixty minutes. Ala Peter Canavan for Tyrone in the 2003 All-Ireland Football final, Hennessy started the game but was taken off on twenty minutes with the plan to bring him back on for the final twenty minutes in the home of leading them to victory, but in this case, it was to give them a second chance.

The free was of the soft variety but in such a tight game, they tend to be given and to avoid controversy, thankfully it was as is Kilruane had come up a point short, they would have felt aggrieved at Bryan McLoughney's 49th minute point from play being allowed to stand as from this reporters view and from many others, it was wide.

The GAA has had enough controversy this year to last it a lifetime without having a scoring issue deciding the game, plus that score came at a point in the game when Kiladangan were generating real momentum, responding positively to Jerome Cahill's goal two minutes beforehand which really ignited the game into a frenzied finale.

MICHAEL DUNDON – Tipperary Star

WHEN they reflect on the drawn game both sides will know they had chances to win but could also just as easily have lost. The replay is likely to be no different, so fine is the balance between the teams, with a visit to Waterford's Ballygunner in the Munster Club Championship lined up a week later for the winners.

Kiladangan look to have the greater scope for improvement with quite a few of their squad yet to produce their best this year. Paul Flynn was an inspiring figure for them all through. Apart from his scoring (1-4) his work rate was exceptional too. Bryan McLoughney's free-taking is a major part of their attacking repertoire, with Joe Gallagher also doing a lot of hard grafting. Further back, Alan Flynn, David Sweeney and the tenacious David Sweeney were key figures for them.

The continued absence of injured Craig Morgan is a challenge Kilruane are responding magnificently to. Some might say they were fortunate to get the late free to equalise but their effort on the day deserved the reward it got.

JOHN FOGARTY – Irish Examiner

THE GAA replay is becoming a lesser-spotted creature but next weekend and for the second year in a row it will be sighted in Thurles.

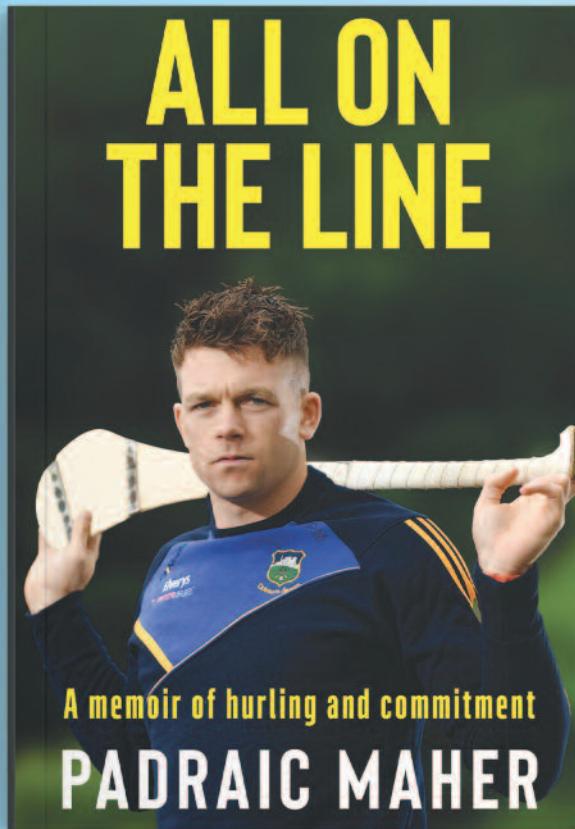
Had the facility been in place in 2020, there would also have been a second day out as Tipperary club hurling's biggest day swiftly gains a reputation for producing epics.

In the grand scheme of things, this feast of hurling may mean little beyond the county.

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All-Ireland champions Ballygunner will be licking their chops at the prospect of facing the eventual, likely jaded winners in provincial action the following weekend but neither of these north Tipperary neighbours will care.

At various stages in the closing stages in FBD Semple Stadium, the Dan Breen Cup appeared to be heading to Puckane for only the second time in Kiladangan's history only to divert towards Cloughjordan to end Kilruane's 37-year wait.

With the penultimate puck of the game, Kilruane sharpshooter Willie Cleary's 10th point tied the affair for the seventh and last time. Seamus Hennessy claimed a last-gasp free for Cleary to convert after it appeared Kiladangan's own deadball expert Bryan McLoughney had won the game at the other end with a free earned by Séan Hayes.

SEAN MORAN – *Irish Times*

Ultimately, there was also relief for Kiladangan. Not because they lost a lead with time nearly up but because their first-half display was so flat and looked reflective of a day when it wasn't going to happen for them.

The one thing the 2020 champions managed to do was limit the damage and go in at the break just three behind. That margin was accounted for by captain Jerome Cahill's 16th-minute goal after he got on the end of a laser-accurate ball from Niall O'Meara, who was excellent in the half-back line and who would provide Cahill with a further goal assist as well as scoring two points of his own.

Their defence was busy and brisk, sweeping on to the ball and tackling aggressively – just not allowing Kiladangan to settle. Paul Flynn did his best to keep the favourites afloat, contesting ball in the middle third and shooting a couple of points but aside from Willie Connors, who also shot two, the first half saw them struggle to create chances

beyond a strong run from Tadhg Gallagher, which ended in a weak shot.

McLoughney, who provided the late heroics two years ago to break Loughmore-Castleiney's heart, had a major influence on the second half. His eight points included six frees and two from play. He didn't miss all afternoon — although there was some controversy over his team's 16th point, which he hit from the left of the posts.

His frees though brought Kiladangan back into contention and continued to reassure after Cahill scored his second goal to break their momentum, again fastening onto a ball up the line from O'Meara and running strongly at the defence to shoot Kilruane back in front,

Kiladangan didn't panic and Paul Flynn and McLoughney trimmed the deficit before Flynn scored a 52nd-minute goal after defender Aaron Morgan lost possession in front of goal.

It was touch-and-go down the straight with points exchanged and the lead changing hands until the injury-time climax.

VINCENT HOGAN – *Irish Independent*

Through the last spangles of a resilient October sun, Willie Cleary's town-end free proved the last act of this pulsating but inconclusive Tipperary final at the ultimately exhausted FBD Semple Stadium.

It ensured another day in what has been an often unreadable, emotionally fraught championship for a county still reeling from the tragic August passing of Tipperary and Clonoulty Rossmore defender, Dillon Quirke, on this very field.

That story will forever be the story of Tipperary 2022.

And, both Kilruane MacDonagh and Kiladangan will probably be thankful for the blessing of a replay after a contest that, for all its frothing melodrama at the close, proved broadly faithful to the garbled rhythms of a difficult year for the Premier County.

KILADANGAN



The Kiladangan team who drew with Kilruane MacDonagh last Sunday. Back row: Dan O'Meara, Eoghan Sharkey, Darragh Ryan, Neil Cahalan, Fergal Hayes, Darragh Egan, James Quigley, Darren Moran, Ruairí Gleeson, Tadhg Gallagher, Sean Hayes, Ciaran Kelly, Bryan McLoughney, Daragh Butler, Matthew Cleary, Ronan Dicre, Joe Gallagher, Martin Minehan, Shane Gleeson. Front row: Decky McGrath, Willie Connors, John O'Meara, Tom O'Meara, Barry Hogan, David Sweeney, Alan Flynn (Capt.), Billy Seymour, Paul Flynn, Connor Byrne, Jack Loughnane, Darragh Flannery, D.J. McGrath, Jack McGrath, Conor Culhane.

[Photo: Eamonn McCree]

On the mark

KIILRUANE MacDonaghs have now provided a top scorer six times, on county final day, albeit with two shared –

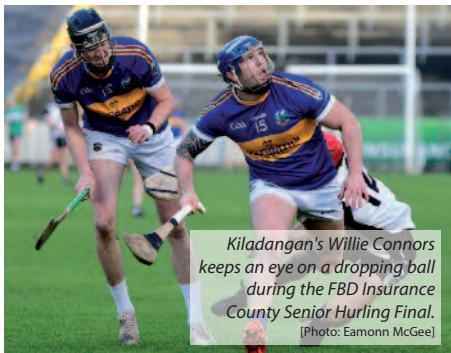
Gerry McCarthy 1-4 v Thurles Sarsfields 1959

Seamus Hennessy 0-5 1977, shared with Pat Kavanagh 1-2 for Borris-Ileigh (draw)

Seamus Hennessy 1-1 v Borris-Ileigh 1977 (replay)

Seamus Hennessy 0-8 v Thurles Sarsfields 1979

Eamon O'Shea 1-4 v Roscrea 1985



County final Memories



Willie Cleary 0-10, 2022, shared with Bryan McLoughney 0-10 Kiladangan (draw).

Kiladangan have two joint county final top scorers –

Willie Connors scored 0-7 in 2019 v Borris-Ileigh for whom James Devaney scored 1-4.

Bryan McLoughney scored 0-10 in 2022 v Kilruane MacDonaghs, for whom Willie Cleary also contributed 0-10.

Disappointed leaders

AFTER the cup presentation and formalities are complete, it is hard not to feel sympathy for the captain of the losing team. His dream of climbing the steps in Ardán Úi Ríain has been shattered and the year's work has not produced the prize. All of these captains were highly respected by their clubs and team mates, while it wasn't just their own supporters who rated them highly. The list of these unlucky captains since 2010 is impressive.

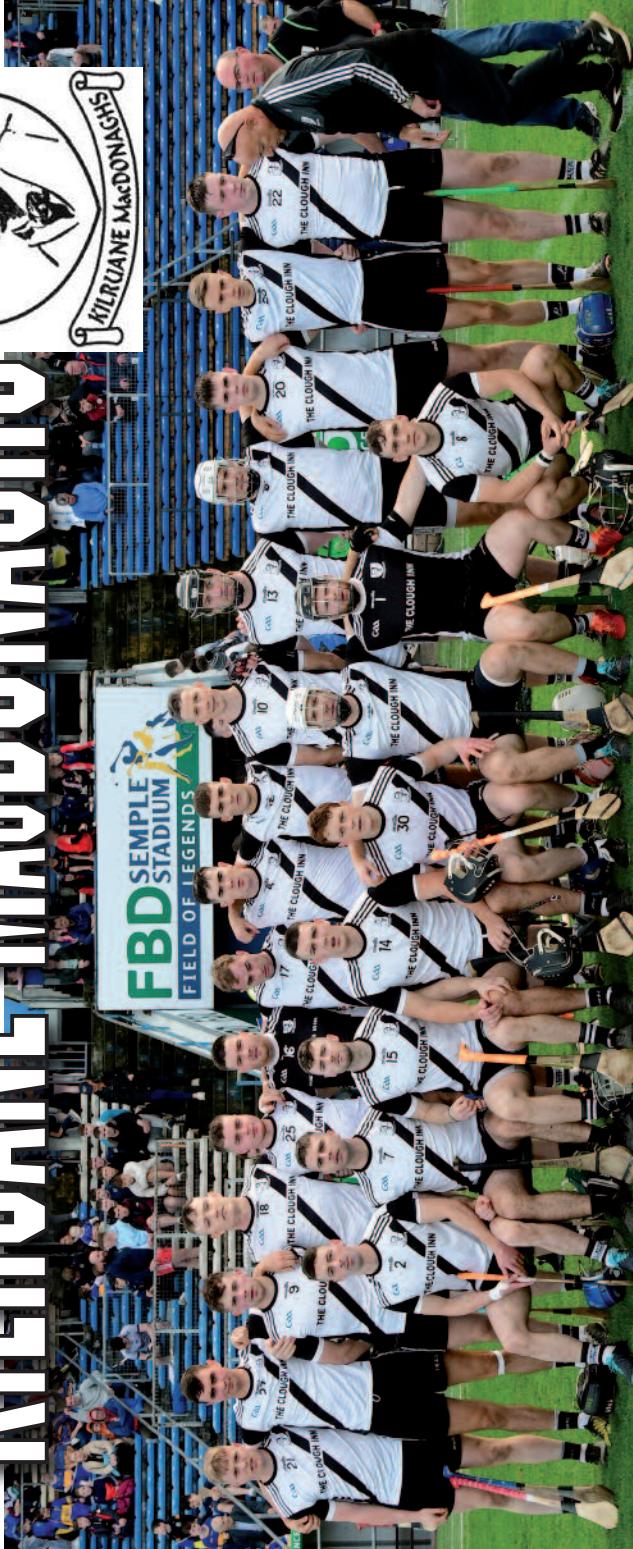


Heffernan (Nenagh Éire Óg), 2019 Joe Gallagher (Kiladangan), 2020 Tomás McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), 2021 Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields).





KILRUANE MACDONAGHS



The Kilruane MacDonaghs team who drew with Kiladangan last Sunday. Back row (l.-r.): Ross Austin, Carl Williams, Mark O'Neill, Thomas Cleary, Oisin O'Meara, Conor Doheny, Robert Austin, Kieran Cahill, Aaron Morgan, Willie Cleary, Seamus Hennessy, Niall O'Meara, Eoin Carroll, Rory Grace, Martin Grace, Liam O'Kelly (Manager), Cronan Casey (Admin). Front row: James Cleary, Eoin Hogan, Cian Darcy, Kian O'Kelly, Jerome Cahill (Capt.), Jack Peters, Páidi Williams, Sean McAdams.

[Photo: Eamonn McGee]

Match streaming to the world

FOR THE second time in a row, the Tipperary senior hurling final will be decided by a replay. Last year, Loughmore-Castleiney's triumph was broadcast on TG4 to the nation but this year's will not be televised.

In years gone by, that would mean people outside of the country would not have the chance to watch the final. However, thanks to Tipp GAA TV, the match will be live streamed.

County boards started streaming matches out of necessity when supporters could not attend matches during the pandemic to make up the shortfall in revenue. It has carried on since their return and it cannot be underestimated how brilliant the service is for international fans of Tipperary GAA.

My family is a perfect example of how beneficial it is. I am English but my mother's family is from Loughmore-Castleiney. I have grown up loving everything about the GAA but the only opportunity to watch the club play used to be when I was on my summer holidays. Even then, that may end up being one match.

The 2021 season undoubtedly had a much



Tom Maher meets Tom Maher Photographer Tom Maher (left) and Tom Maher (Assistant County Secretary) on duty at the drawn game.



By: Charlie Evans

better ending than the year earlier but for the first time ever, I was able to watch Loughmore's season progress and follow all the storylines of the club season. Naturally, watching the senior football final last year and clinching the first part of the double will live long in my memory. That was only possible because of streaming.

It is also a privilege to be able to watch the various club teams across Tipperary in detail, which may be Borris-Ileigh, JK Brackens or Moyle Rovers. The work that goes on behind the scenes by Limerick-based StreamSport.ie to bring these games to everyone should be admired by all.

Streaming matches offers a lot more than simply live broadcasts. From a social media perspective, John McGrath's winning goal against Clonmel Commercials has racked up almost 100,000 views on Twitter. No one except the 2,000 in attendance would have seen it otherwise. There is no better way of promoting the club scene in Tipperary.

Tipp GAA TV does not end after the final whistle is blown. County board PRO Jonathan Cullen and commentator Stephen Gleeson have done many interviews after matches. Stephen's interview with Joe Hayes after Clonoulty-Rossmore's win over Thurles Sarsfields in the preliminary quarter-final this year was particularly memorable for its poignancy.

The senior hurling final is the pinnacle of sport within the county and no doubt the far reaching diaspora will be tuning in to watch Kiladangan and Kilruane MacDonaghs lock horns again. Let's hope for another engrossing battle that is befitting to be broadcast to the world.



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Historic photo recalls the 1950s



By: SEAMUS J. KING

THIS historic picture was taken on May 8, 1955 at the official opening of Páirc Sileann, Templemore. The Templemore G.A.A. Club had got a ninety-nine year lease on the town park two years before and through great efforts developed it into a G.A.A. venue for 12,000 people in time for the official opening.

To get the Wexford team along to play Tipperary on the opening day was a major coup since the two teams had played the National League final the previous Sunday at Croke Park, with victory going to Tipperary by 3-5 to 1-5, when Wexford lined out without the three Rackard brothers because of their father's death. Getting the two teams to open the field was helped by the fact that Rev. P. Fogarty, who was the P.P. in Templemore, was also chairman of the Tipperary County Board at the time.

The match wasn't a great one, even though there was some hard-hitting stuff. Both sides fielded experimental teams. Tipperary were ahead by 0-6 to 1-1 at half-time and in front by 1-11 to 2-2 at end. According to a brief match report 'Stakelum, English, Barrett and Doyle

were best for the winners, while Ted Morrissey, O'Donnell, Flood and Hearne worked hard for Wexford.'

Fr Fogarty blessed the field before the match and dedicated it to St. Sileann. Afterwards the teams and guests adjourned for a banquet at Mullally's Hotel, which included numerous toasts and speeches, all of which are covered in detail in Martin Bourke's comprehensive history of the G.A.A. in Clonmore, Killea and Templemore.

Naming those in the photo is proving difficult, but it includes: Rev. Philip Fogarty, Tony Reddin, Phil Purcell, Paddy Leahy, Mickey Byrne, Theo English, Philip Ryan, John Doyle, John Hough, Jimmy Finn, John Joe Hayes, Pat Stakelum, Michael 'Blackie' Keane, Tommy Barrett, Larry Keane, Tommy Ryan, Ted Morrissey, Nick O'Donnell, Tim Flood, Don Hearne.

If you recognise some others, send your list of names to Liam Ó Donnchú, Lár na Páirce, Thurles.

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RAISING THE BAR

KILADANGAN set a normal time county final scoring record for the club, with a 1-21 tally, in last Sunday's drawn encounter. Their highest previous return in normal time was 0-23 v Loughmore-Castleiney in 2020. In the absence of a replay, this tally increased to 1-28 during extra time. Their opponents, Kilruane MacDonaghs equalled the club's county final scoring record of 2-18, which was set in the 1979 victory over Thurles Sarsfields.

Small margins

MUCH has been said and written about the spread of Tipperary Senior Hurling champions over the past five years, with a different club winning every year and the honours going to three of the Divisions. It is interesting to note that since Kilruane MacDonaghs won their first title in 1977, eight finals have been decided by one point. Those years were 1978, 1980, 1987, 1993, 1996, 2013, 2015 and 2021 (replay).

County Final Memories

RECENT FINALS

THE results of the Tipperary county finals since 2012 were -

- 2012 Thurles Sarsfields 1-21, Drom-Inch 2-15
- 2013 Loughmore-Castleiney 1-17, Nenagh Éire Óg 1-16
- 2014 Thurles Sarsfields 2-22, Loughmore-Castleiney 3-11
- 2015 Thurles Sarsfields 1-18, Nenagh Éire Óg 3-11
- 2016 Thurles Sarsfields 0-27, Kiladangan 1-15
- 2017 Thurles Sarsfields 1-24, Borris-Ileigh 0-11

- 2018 Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-23, Nenagh Éire Óg 2-13
- 2019 Borris-Ileigh 1-15, Kiladangan 1-12
- 2020 Kiladangan 1-28, Loughmore-Castleiney 3-20 (aet)
- 2021 Loughmore-Castleiney 0-23, Thurles Sarsfields 2-17 (draw), Loughmore-Castleiney 2-14, Thurles Sarsfields 2-13 (replay)
- 2022 Kiladangan 1-21, Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-18 (draw).

Noel McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney) and David Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) tussle for possession during the 2021 County Final (drawn game). [Photo: Bridget Delaney]



The supporter

A SUPPORTER spotted in Ardán Úi Ríain at last weekend's double header was former Roscrea and Tipperary hurler Joe Tynan. A winner of six county medals, two Munster and one All-Ireland club title, Joe was top scorer with two goals for Roscrea in their club All-Ireland victory in 1971. He had a special interest in the Roscrea Premier Intermediate team, which beat Gortnahoe-Glengoole in an enjoyable final. Joe's son Alan was a selector, while grandsons Darragh, Alan Óg and Owen were players. Alan's wife Deirdre is a sister of the team Manager Liam England. Kilruane MacDonaghs' followers with long memories will recall that Joe gave the scoring pass to the late Roger Ryan for the goal that ended the four-in-a-row dream in 1980.

Lucky month

If you are looking for an omen, it might be worth considering that all four of Kilruane MacDonaghs' county titles (1977, 1978, 1979 and 1985) were won in the month of October while Kiladangan's victory in 2020 was achieved on a September day.

Calling the game

BOTH clubs have provided county final referee, in modern times. Kiladangan's Tommy Ryan was in charge of the 2007 all Mid clash, which saw Loughmore-Castleiney beating Drom & Inch. A decade earlier, Kilruane MacDonaghs' Michael Cahill was the man in the middle for the decider between Clonoulty-Rossmore and Mullinahone.

Back in 1943 another Kilruane MacDonaghs' referee Con Heffernan, from Ardcroney, was the man in charge of an historic final which saw Éire Óg Annacarty/Donohill winning the cup for the only time. They beat Moycarkey-Borris at Thurles on October 3rd and the Dan Breen cup – the prize since 1931 – was presented to the winning captain Tom Ryan (Castle) by the donor himself, Dan Breen.

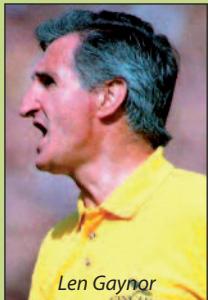
Still following

AMONG the attendance at FBD Semple Stadium last Sunday were some heroes of Tipperary's 1971 Munster and All-Ireland victories. Team captain **Tadhg O'Connor**, who had family ties to the Roscrea Premier Intermediate team and himself a three time All-Star, was delighted with his club's success.



Tadhg O'Connor

However, Kiladangan's **Seamus Hogan**, (who also played championship hurling for Galway between two spells with Tipperary), and Kilruane MacDonaghs' **Len Gaynor** (who led Kilruane to four county, one Munster and one club All-Ireland title, as well as Coaching Moycarkey-Borris to Tipp and Munster honours and Clonoulty-Rossmore to the long awaited 1989 county title) were left with a sense of anti climax after a hectic conclusion.



Len Gaynor



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